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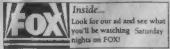
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Cities increase police patrol

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Police Division has announced the reorganization of the criminal investigation bureau's youth section. As of August 28, three new "School District Officers" were assigned to patrol the Plainfield school district.

Heading unit will be 17-year veteran Police Officer Daniel Hunter, who has been assigned to District High School. Officer Hunter replaces William Danner who was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Police Officer Rodney Sanders is assigned to the middle schools. Officer Sanders has been assigned for the past three years to the city's West End Community Oriented Policing program (COP), in the bicycle unit. Officer Sanders has had extensive community policing, problem oriented policing and police bicycle training.

Police Officer Eugene Goldston, works in the Enterprise Zone and is assigned as an investigator and school liaison. His background includes working as a Counselor in a Summer Camp Program and he is a Martial Arts expert.

According to police officials the new structure of "School District

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Gov. Whitman protects rape victims' rights

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Whitman signed legislation to prohibit the manner in which a sexual assault victim is dressed from being introduced as evidence in a case. "Today we affirm the right of every victim of violent crime to be treated with respect," said Gov. Whitman. "No longer will victims find themselves on trial, having to defend the way they look or the way they dress."

A-2047/S-1349, sponsored by Assemblyman Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Senator John Scott (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), prohibits the introduction of evidence relating to the manner in which a victim was dressed at the time of the commission of a sexual offense, unless it is determined by the court to be relevant and admissible in the interest of justice.

The bill also provides that the judge must hold a separate hearing outside the presence of the jury to determine whether the type of clothing worn by the victim is relevant and admissible as evidence and must state his or her reasons on the record.

GOVERNOR, SUPT. HELP CLEAN SCHOOLS

by Sherry Burrus

NEWARK—With their sleeves rolled up and their white painter's hats securely in place Acting Superintendent of Newark Schools Dr. Beverly Hall, Gov. Christine Whitman and a host of parents, government officials, students and community members pitched in to tidy up the Newark schools in time for its September 11 opening.

Saturday, August 26 was designated as clean-up day by Dr. Hall as nearly 500 volunteers came out to show their support of the Newark school system by painting buildings, picking up trash, and pulling weeds at 50 of the district's 82 school sites. Repairs at many of the schools have already been underway as a result of Hall's visit, last month, to the schools. At her visit, Hall noted that the condition of some Newark schools

were the worst she had seen in all of her years in education. As a result, hundreds of maintenance employees were immediately ordered to whip the schools into shape.

"We have to plan very carefully what we need to do to get them from where they are to where they need to be," says Dr. Hall who's clean up initiative was just a stepping stone to what she has planned for the school district.

Gov. Whitman praised Hall's efforts to address the immediate safety and health issues in the city's school district. Whitman says it was important to rid the buildings of graffiti to change student's negative attitudes towards their school.

"It's important for our kids to see we're here. We want the children of Newark to know how important we feel they are, (and) that they are entitled to a clean environment," said the Governor.

According to Whitman, the state will use \$7 million of the district's \$540 million budget to finance the repairs to the various buildings in need of paint, electrical work and sanitary improvements.

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Gov. Whitman and Newark Superintendent Dr. Hall join the clean up team in Newark.
Photo by C.J. Johnson

School officials discuss plans for year

by Sandra Wright

Whether they are state or private-appointed, school superintendents throughout New Jersey are gearing up with big plans and changes for their districts. Some are opening new schools, starting construction on new buildings and others are introducing new learning curriculums.

Whatever the plans are, according to the school chiefs, they all have one thing in common, they are interested in giving their students the best possible education that they can.

According to Jersey City state-appointed superintendent Frank Sinatra, his district is opening a new

elementary school, School #17. The new school will house approximately 1,000 students and be equipped with the latest technology, computers in each class, and a state-of-the-art media center.

East Orange school district is embarking on its second year of schools of choice (magnet schools with a theme). Director of Secondary Education Dr. Robert Penna reported that the city has added four new magnet schools with new themes to the program.

Franklin School for Creativity and Performing Arts, Costely Middle School Multicultural Center for International Studies and Foreign Lan-

guage, Healy Middle School for Printing, Publishing and Micro Society, and Colombian School, for Science and Technology will be the new magnet school participants, giving students a wider variety of subjects to choose from. Fifteen out of the district's 18 schools are theme schools.

In Newark, there is preparation not only for improving curriculum, but also to provide students with safe and well-equipped learning environments. Work is being done on buildings as well as restructuring the learning organization throughout the district.

"We want to stick with the focus on facilities. There is a lot of work to be done in order to bring schools up to a state of good repair. We will have cleaner and better maintained schools and I also want to look at capacity needs," stated Newark State Superintendent Dr. Beverly Hall.

Dr. Hall noted that some areas are overcrowded while others are underutilized, and the district wants to initiate a capital improvement plan based on input from the community and other demographics obtained for Newark to use in its capital improvement plan.

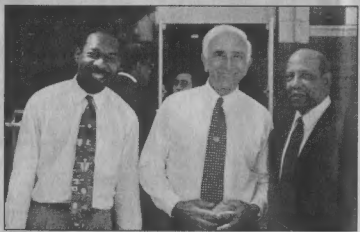
The plan would be a guideline for decisions such as whether the

district builds annexes, adds new science labs etc.

In the Asbury Park school system, improvements have been made in technology in high and middle schools. Superintendent James Murphy stated that the district has replaced all of its computer equipment in addition to running a variety of self-esteem programs with clergy and police department to help with developing student's self esteem. There is already a tutorial component where some of the people involved in the self-esteem program help students with homework.

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Lautenberg supports COP programs



Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury, Sen. Frank Lautenberg and Assemblyman Jerry Green in front of the Hope Haven policing facility. Photo by C.J. Johnson

by Sherry Burrus

PLAINFIELD—As part of his efforts to save the nationwide Community Oriented Policing Program (COP), Senator Frank R. Lautenberg toured a Plainfield community policing facility, Hope Haven

Mini-station. According to the Senator and Mayor Mark Fury, Hope Haven has been instrumental in lowering crime in the neighborhood by 50 percent with the most significant decrease in crimes involving drugs and shootings.

"One of the things we want to be

sure about is that we do whatever we can to keep the COP Program going. It is a very important program, but I have to be able to make the argument with knowledge and experience (to the Senate). So that is why I am here today to take a look at what is taking place (in the policing programs)."

According to Sen. Lautenberg the COP program which adds 100,000 more community policing officers to our nation's streets, is now under assault by Republicans in the House of Representatives, who have passed a number of bills aimed at cutting key parts of the 1994 Crime Bill. The most significant bill would eliminate the COP Program and replace it with block grants to states. Under this bill, the grant money would not be restricted to funding more police.

The City of Plainfield, using city and federal Weed and Seed funds, hired eight police officers and placed them in the newly built Hope Haven Mini-station and community center to establish a community policing

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Newark gets \$2.9 Mil HUD grant

NEWARK—Newark officials recently signed an agreement with the federal government and state which designated the city as an Enterprise Community (EC) area. The document was signed by Mayor Sharpe James and Andrew Cuomo, Assistant Secretary for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department Office of Community Development and Planning.

The EC designation carries \$2.9 million in federal funds to create jobs for community residents, increase housing opportunities, foster business and economic development and to rebuild neighborhoods.

Mayor James and Cuomo were joined by Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Donald Payne, Newark Council members Donald Bradley and George Branch, as well as other community leaders. James said the HUD funds should help bring new hope and new opportunities to citizens who reside within the EC's boundaries.

"This is a great day for the city of Newark," declared Mayor Sharpe James. "The money will help complete the South Ward Industrial Park Development Initiative, creating over 300 permanent jobs. We are grateful to President Clinton for this positive action which will provide an enormous impact on our ongoing rebirth," the mayor concluded.

"The nation is going through a transition," stated Cuomo "You have an economy that is moving from industrial to high tech, and possible budget cuts from Washington in programs will make a bad situation worse." The HUD secretary noted, Cuomo also took the opportunity

to present Newark with a check for a \$1.3 million economic development loan, which will be used as gap financing for the city's \$8.5 million South Ward Industrial Park Redevelopment Project.

Congressman Payne said the country is being moved by a small majority and the only hope to overcome the negative aspects of conservative policies is by spurring a renewal among the nation's needy.

Coordinated by Newark Business Administrator, Glenn Grant, the Empowerment Zone (EZ)/Enterprise Community (EC) process included the involvement of more than 80 community groups.

Lautenberg, who was instrumental in the preparation of the Newark application said the \$2.9 million should not be seen as a consolation for not getting the multi-million EZ grant. He added that the Gateway City beat out several communities with interest in the EC initiative.

According to Grant, the EC designation provides special 10-year tax advantages including facilities bond financing as well as Social Services Block Grant money for special social service coordination, economic and business investment and new and improved housing.

Newark's Enterprise Community region (with a population of 49,871) includes residents living in 26 census tracts with high poverty rates. In addition, the EC is divided into nine neighborhoods—eight independent and one industrial, which incorporates the Newark International Airport, Port Newark and one commercial industrial census tract in Elizabeth.

Eddie Robinson opening 55th season

NEW YORK—The all-time winning coach in college football, Eddie G. Robinson of Grambling State University, roars into his 55th coaching season in September. Coach Robinson, who is fast approaching his record 400th victory, has led the Grambling Tigers to 397 wins over his nearly five and one-half decades with the school. His team's next three victories will take him and them over the top and that much deeper into the record books.

The coach will be 77 years young in February and continues to thrive on his insatiable love for the game and his dedication to the young men who play it. Over 54 years, Coach



Grambling University's football coach, Eddie Robinson

Robinson has shared his personal wisdom, his unwavering pursuit of excellence and his zeal for football with everyone who comes into contact with the team.

Coach Robinson has been inducted as a statesman, a legend, the Heir to the Bear (He broke Alabama Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant's record 223 wins in 1985). This son of a sharecropper and a domestic worker has been inducted into Hall of Fame's established for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Sugar Bowl, Pop Warner, Louisiana Sports, Northwest Louisiana, National Association of Sport and Physical Education.

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PEOPLE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

WAYNE—"The Library in the 90's Made Easy" course for adults entering college at William Paterson College from 6:30 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2521.

CRANFORD—Opening of New Fitness Center at Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7600.

SEPTEMBER 6 THRU OCTOBER 2

CRANFORD—GED prep classes at Union County College. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

VCR ALERT—Biography profile on Sammy Davis Jr. on A&E at 8 p.m. and 12 a.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WAYNE—"Math Anxiety-Oh No Not Math" course for adults entering college at William Paterson College from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more info call 908-595-2521.

PERTH AMBOY—Senior Fashion Show, luncheon, craft show at Second Baptist Church on Friday. For more info call 908-826-5293.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9

MONTCCLAIR—Dance program at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-4443.

NEWARK—"The Animal Kingdom" exhibition at The Newark Public Library. For more info call 201-733-7745.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WATCHUNG—Annual Members Art Show at the Watchung Arts Center at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10

CHESTER—Twenty-second annual Chester Arts & Crafts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 908-879-4914.

SEPTEMBER 8 AND 18

JERSEY CITY—Review of art, literature and music for the Test of General Knowledge at Jersey City State College from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3094.

SEPTEMBER 9 THRU NOVEMBER 7

CRANFORD—"Astronomy: Discovering the Universe" course on Tuesdays from 8:10 to 9:40 p.m. at Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7600.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

EAST ORANGE—Fundraising picnic given by The EO Sister City Committee at 24 Westcott Street at 2 p.m. For reservations call 201-233-5118.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SUMMIT—Rehearsal for the Concord Singers begins at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more info call 908-464-1597.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Free Sewing Lessons for beginners from 1 to 2 p.m. at Fabric Land. For more info call 908-765-4700.

JERSEY CITY—"How to finance your college or graduate college education" program at Jersey City State College on noon. For more info call 201-200-3159.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

MONTCCLAIR—"Introduction to sign language" course at Montclair State University at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. For more info call 201-655-4353.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

EAST ORANGE—Systas 4 Systas Black History program at East Orange High School at 4:15 p.m. For more info call 201-673-2193.

NEWARK—General membership meeting for People's Organization For Progress at Newark Public Library at 6 p.m. Topics: Million Man March and Mumia Abu-Jamal. For more info call 201-643-7711.

Ursula White receives citation merit



LAWRENCEVILLE—Ursula White, of Newark, who recently graduated from Rider University with a degree in elementary education and fine arts, was honored at the University's annual awards banquet. White received the Faculty Citation of Merit for distinctive achievement in the field of education including an affinity for and aptitude in urban education and above average work in course work related to teacher preparation.

Prosecutors donate \$5,000 to charity



NEWARK—Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor (r) presents a \$5,000 check to William Saller, Chairman of the Board of the American Cancer Society, Essex Unit, as a donation from the Prosecutor's staff, their families and friends who participated as runners and/or contributors in the seventh annual "Prosecutor's Office Charity Run." Minor and Saller are accompanied by Gerald Hanon, (second from l) executive director of the American Cancer Society, Essex Unit and First Assistant Prosecutor Peter J. Francese (l), who has served as race chairperson for each of the seven annual "charity runs."

DID YOU KNOW?

by Robert N. Taylor

... that according to a survey in *Men's Health* magazine, 7.5 percent of women say they would go out on a date with a man simply because they like the type of car he is driving.

... that according to *Playboy* magazine, a survey of law enforcement officers found that over 80 percent felt that trying to stop drug use with arrests and jail is a mistake. Indeed, according to the survey, 30 percent felt drugs should be legalized. Meanwhile, it costs the U.S. \$320 million a year to keep non-violent drug offenders in jail.

... that at the end of last year, 5.1 million Americans were in jail, on parole or on probation. According to the Justice Department, the U.S. jails a greater percentage of its citizens than any other country in the world. The U.S. remains the most violent society in the world.

... that the world's fastest man in the 100-meter dash is Leroy Burrell and he ran it in 9.85 seconds. Meanwhile, the world's fastest woman in the 100-meter dash is Florence Griffith Joyner and she ran it in 10.49 seconds.

... that this week's favorite quote comes from a variety of successful people: "The best way to get what you want out of life is to help others get what they want out of life."

Washington listed in Who's Who in American Universities & Colleges

NEWARK—David Washington, of Newark, has been selected to join an elite group of university and college students throughout the country.

Washington, who is pursuing his Ph.D. in civil engineering, is one of two NJIT recipients awarded a National Consortium for Educational Access Faculty Development Fellowship. The fellowship which is only one of five granted nationwide, is designed to increase minority representation in Ph.D. programs in science, technology, engineering and business. He received his B.S. in civil engineering from Columbia University in 1984 and an M.S. from Manhattan College in 1988.

As part of giving back to his community, Washington serves as a role model and youth counselor for inner city, minority youth in New Jersey and New York. A Dean's List student, he is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, was listed in Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans, and has been supported for research and travel in France.

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NATION

President Clinton takes action against teen smoking

National News
at a glanceCONGRESSMAN
REYNOLDS RESIGNS

Facing a growing move in the U.S. Congress to expel him, black Illinois Congressman Mel Reynolds recently announced his resignation. The Reynolds decision comes just weeks after his conviction on charges of having sex with a minor, solidifying child pornography and obstruction of justice. Meanwhile, the 43-year-old congressman maintains his innocence and says he will ask for a new trial or file for an appeal. Members of Congress do not have to resign if they are convicted of a crime. —CHICAGO, IL

BLACK GAY MALES HIT
HARD BY AIDS

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) are reporting that there has been a dramatic rise in the number of AIDS cases among black male homosexuals. During the first half of 1994 there was a 79 percent increase in AIDS cases among black gay males as compared to the same period in 1989. The rate of increase among white homosexual men was 14 percent. There was also a dramatic rise of 61 percent among Hispanic gay males. Despite some spread into the heterosexual population, approximately 90 percent of all AIDS cases are found within the homosexual and intravenous drug using communities. The CDCP also found that AIDS is spreading dramatically outside the major urban communities in small towns and rural areas. —ATLANTA, GA

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
HOTEL TO CLOSE

In yet another blow to black economic empowerment, Howard University has announced that it will close the Howard Inn, one of the last black

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WASHINGTONDC—Recently, President Clinton announced the nation's first comprehensive campaign to keep children and teenagers from smoking.

Taking action against the steady rise in smoking among children, and medical data that shows that nearly one out of every three children who begin to smoke will eventually die from tobacco use (according to the Centers for Disease Control), the President announced that he aims to reduce smoking among young people by 50 percent over the next seven years.

"The most important thing is that there is an epidemic among our children," stated President Clinton. "You've got that more eighth grad-

ers and a quarter more 10th graders smoking than there were 10 years ago. Whatever the political consequences, a thousand kids a day are beginning a habit which will probably shorten their lives..." the President continued.

"We're talking about whether we're going to do what we know is the right thing to do to save the lives of America's children. And I think it is more important than any political consequence," he added.

Under President Clinton's new plan, children will not be able to buy cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products and promotional and advertising gimmicks appealing to children will be limited.

Smoking by young people is rising sharply. Between 1991 and 1994, the

percentage of eighth graders who smoke increased 30 percent. More than 80 percent of adult smokers had tried smoking by 18, and more than half of them had already become regular smokers by that age. In 1993, the estimated health care costs from smoking-related disease and death was \$50 billion.

The measures are aimed at assuring that only adults have access to tobacco products, and to limit the reach of advertisements and promotions that have encouraged children to begin using cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

The proposals to reduce access by children include:

* Prohibiting the sale of tobacco

products to anyone under age 18

* Requiring face to face sales

* Requiring age verification with photo identification

* Eliminating free samples and impersonal sales like vending machines, mail order sales and self-service displays.

"When Joe Camel tells young children that smoking is cool, when billboards tell teens that smoking will lead to true romance, when Virginia Slims tells adolescents that cigarettes may make them thin and glamorous, then our children need our wisdom, our guidance and our experience. We're their parents and it is up to us to protect them," President Clinton reiterated.

The proposals to limit the appeal of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco include:

* Banning outdoor advertising within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds

* Restricting all other outdoor advertising to black-and-white text only

* Restricting advertising in publications with significant children's readership to black-and-white text only

* Banning non-tobacco products such as T-shirts and caps that have smokeless tobacco product brand names, logos or symbols.

* Eliminating the exchange of non tobacco products for proof of purchase of tobacco products

* Allowing sponsorship and advertising of events only in the corporate name.

"I think it would be wrong to ban cigarettes outright, because, number one, it's not illegal for adults to use them. Tens of millions of adults do use them, and I think it would be as ineffective as prohibition was. But I think to focus on our children is the right thing to do," the President stated.

Research shows that:

* Four-hundred thousand people die every year from smoking, almost ten times higher than those killed on our highways or in 5 deaths

* Eighty-two percent of all smokers started before the age of 18

* People who don't smoke before age 18 never will.

The campaign is a proposal which invites public comment for the next 90 days and the President invites recommendations but he will not accept promises of voluntary action.

"Nobody much likes government regulation. And I would prefer if it could have done this in some other way. The only other way I can think of is if Congress were to write these restrictions into law. They could do that. And if they do, this rule could become unnecessary."

"But it is wrong to believe that we can take a voluntary approach to this problem. With absent Congressional action and in the presence of massive marketing and lobbying campaign by cigarette companies aimed at our children clearly, I have no alternative but to do everything I can to bring this assault to a halt," President Clinton reported.

Mozambique vows to purge laws against women

MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE—A junior minister has pledged that Mozambique's government will purge its statute books of all laws discriminating against women.

Deputy Justice Minister Aucena Xavier Duarte, opening a seminar of the Mozambique Association of Women's Legal Professions, said much legislation had been introduced since independence from Portugal in 1975 to uphold women's rights. She cited labor laws that provide maternity leave and the right for women

employees to breastfeed their children at work.

But Duarte said more laws were on the way to meet the seminar's demands that all forms of discrimination against women be eliminated.

"Equality is not only achieved through legislation," she observed, noting that few women were aware they could have the right to abortion in this dominantly Catholic nation. "And, so, the government has been creating mechanisms to facilitate the participation of women at all levels of society."

No privatizing for veteran memorial homes

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Whitman announced her decision to implement strategies to reduce operating expenses at the N.J. Veterans Memorial Home rather than to privatize the Pararus facility.

"While privatization is not the answer in this case, we have achieved our twin goals of improving efficiencies at the Veterans Home while continuing to deliver quality care," said Gov. Whitman. "We will save \$600,000 annually in operating expenses at the same time we maintain quality care for our veterans."

The decision to maintain state management was recommended by Major General Paul J. Glazar, adjutant general and commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

"Looking at delivery of services by both the public and private sectors

has been of benefit to both taxpayers and those receiving the services," said Gov. Whitman. "The process of considering privatization clearly works to everyone's benefit, whether a public service is actually privatized or retains in-house efficiencies."

"After comparing bids from private companies and proposed savings from the in-house management team and employees, we determined that we can provide the highest level of quality care in the most cost effective manner by continuing state management. This decision is based on a very thorough analysis," the Governor said.

During the process, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs changed the management of the facility, resulting in improved care and a better operation, according to Glazar. The home passed its most recent health department inspection; it has been certified by Medicare, and management problems have been corrected, Glazar said.

The improved operation will result in cost efficiencies of \$600,000 to the state. Medicare certification will net the facility an additional \$800,000 per year not previously collected. Other efficiency measures, in addition to those identified in this analysis, have already been implemented at the Pararus home, resulting in \$200,000 in savings, with spin-off efficiency savings of another \$300,000 at the state-operated veterans homes in Menlo Park and Vineland.

Better use of available bed space will also increase the federal dollar to the three state veterans homes by more than \$1 million in Fiscal Year 1996. In all, the state will realize \$3 million per year in improved cash flow due to the research on privatizing the Pararus Veterans' Home.

Action called on GOP budget cuts

NEWARK—An educational public forum entitled, "Save Our Homes: What Will the Federal Cuts Mean and What We Can Do" will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The forum will be held at Seton Hall Law School Center for Social,

Justice, located on the corners of Raymond Blvd. and McCarter Hwy, in room 203. It's open and free to the community.

The forum will be held to raise awareness and to make a call for action on various proposed congressional budget

cuts to current federal housing programs. The Senate will decide appropriations to the housing budget during the week of September 11.

For more information contact Nancy Zak at 201-344-7210 or Sister Cathy Daily at 201-596-4047.

The Newark Public Schools

Schools Open

Monday, September 11, 1995

Welcome Students and Staff To The 1995-96 School Year

Elementary School Hours
8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.Secondary School Hours
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration

Parents registering students into school for the first time must show the child's:

- Birth Certificate (child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 1995)
- Immunization documents
- Parents'/Guardians' proof of residency (ex: current utility bill)
- Students transferring from another district or from one school to another must also provide a copy of their transfer records

For additional information on school registration and immunization requirements, contact the Newark School District at 733-6996 or 733-8722.

Immunization

- Immunization records must include specific dates for a minimum of four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine. One of the four doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- In addition, the child's records should include information on vaccines for rubella, mumps and a minimum of three doses of oral polio vaccine. One of the three doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- Records must also show dates for measles vaccinations. Students entering Kindergarten must show dates for two measles vaccinations. Transfer students who were born before January, 1990 must show at least one.

Free immunization is available at the Division of Community Health, 110 William Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Attendance Policy

School attendance is required by state and municipal law. Students absent from school for more than 18 days during the school year without a medical notice, will not be promoted to the next grade.



Testing Dates

Stanford Achievement Test
April 22 - May 1, 1996

Grade 11 HSAT
Fall Exam
October 17, 18 and 19, 1995
Fall Make-up Exam
October 24, 25 and 26, 1995
Spring Exam
April 16, 17 and 18, 1996
Spring Make-up Exam
April 23, 24 and 25, 1996

Grade 8 EWT (Early Warning Test)
Spring Exam
March 12, 13 and 14, 1996
Make-up Exam
March 19, 20 and 21, 1995

1995-96 School Calendar

			No. of Days Student/Teacher	
September	4	Labor Day	15	19
	5	Orientation All-10 month		
		Employees Report		
October	11	Schools Open for Students (Monday)	21	21
November	9	Columbus Day Observance	21	15
	6	Puerto Rico Recognition Day		
		Observance		
	7	Election Day		
	8	Administrative Day		
	9	NJEA Convention		
	10	Veterans' Day		
	13	Thanksgiving Day		
	24	Administrative Day		
December	25-29	Winter Recess	16	16
January	1	New Year's Day	21	21
	15	Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday		
February	12	Lincoln's Birthday	19	19
	19	President's Day		
March	7	No Holidays	21	21
April	8	Good Friday	16	16
	8-12	Spring Recess		
May	27	Memorial Day	22	22
June	24	Students Dismissed 1:00 p.m. (Monday)	16	17
	25	Teachers Dismissed 1:00 p.m. (Tuesday)		
	28	Last Day 10-Month Employees		
			182	187

Emergency School Closing

Whenever it is necessary to order schools closed or to delay the opening due to weather conditions or other emergencies which may develop during the night, announcements of such closings or delays of opening shall be made over the radio stations listed below between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

WOR - 710 AM
WFSB - 1010 AM
NJ - 101.5 FM

WCBS - 880 AM
WFLS - 107.5 FM
KISS - 98.7 FM

WADO - 1280 AM
(Spanish Language Station)

EDITORIAL

Back-to-School

As the school year starts up, how will children from urban schools feel as they enter the doors of academia once again? We know from speaking with the superintendents of various urban school districts here in New Jersey that they have high expectations for the returning youth.

Curriculums are being changed, buildings are being renovated, magnet schools are proliferating. This new environment could serve to capture the minds of youth, giving them a reason for taking advantage of the opportunities available.

But superintendents and buildings and curricula are only part of the equation for stimulating youth to succeed. Of course, it starts at home with parents who are talking about the benefits of education and who actively support educational activities and events like back-to-school night, PTA and the like. It takes monitoring students' activities both at school and after school.

In addition to school and parents, students should be made aware that they are responsible for their success. They need to know that it is up to them to make the best of their school experience.

Now is the time to make a new start and make this the best school year ever.

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

Million man march: an analysis of black protest

by Dr. Manning Marable

The national mobilization and support for the Million Man March on Washington, DC, scheduled for October 16, is rapidly building momentum. Led by Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam and former NAACP national secretary Benjamin Chavis, the march has captured the awareness and interest of thousands of African Americans.

The call for the march comes at a critical moment of crisis in the political history of our people. We can understand and appreciate the meaning of this mobilization, its possibilities and its problems, by grounding ourselves in the historical traditions of black struggle.

The best historical parallel with the Million Man March is provided by the famous "Negro March on Washington" mobilization of June 1941. On the eve of World War II, black trade union leader A. Philip Randolph issued a series of demands against the Roosevelt administration's failure to outlaw government contracts in defense-related industries which practiced racial discrimination in hiring; the abolition of racially segregated units in the US armed forces; and an executive order abolishing Jim Crow segregation in every department of the Federal government. To obtain these demands, Randolph promised to bring 100,000 black people to Washington, DC.

His chief aims were the outlawing of government contracts in defense-related industries which practiced racial discrimination in hiring; the abolition of racially segregated units in the US armed forces; and an executive order abolishing Jim Crow segregation in every department of the Federal government. To obtain these demands, Randolph promised to bring 100,000 black people to Washington, DC.

The march mobilization was all-black. While progressives could offer political and material support, but they weren't allowed to join the protest. Randolph explained, "We believe that Negroes need an all-Negro movement, just as the Jews had a Zionist movement. We believe that Negroes should supply the money, and an executive order abolishing Jim Crow segregation in every department of the Federal government. To obtain these demands, Randolph promised to bring 100,000 black people to Washington, DC.

At the last moment, the Roosevelt administration agreed to sign Executive Order 8802, desegregating employment in wartime factories, an action creating hundreds of thousands of jobs for African Americans. The march was called off, but it achieved a major political objective.

We must assess the current effort to mobilize African Americans today against the historical standard of Randolph and the events of 1941. To date, the march has been endorsed by a broad spectrum of African Americans. On the left, Harvard professor, Cornel West, author of *Race Matters*.

has expressed solidarity for the march.

West states, "This march is for anyone who has been discriminated, demoralized and disregarded. It's about us coming together for the sake of the true, the beautiful, and the good."

NAACP acting executive director Bay St. John informed that *The Final Call* that he endorsed the march and planned "to be an active participant." Civil rights legend Dorothy Height and the National Council of Negro Women endorsed the march, as have Washington DC Mayor Marion Barry and Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton. An impressive network of local organizing committees has been formed across black America.

Black progressive organizer Bob Brown has been hired to coordinate the march's office in Washington, DC. Chavis has travelled tirelessly throughout the country promoting the event. Yet, the real authority behind this mobilization is one man—Louis Farrakhan. While many African Americans respect Farrakhan's individual charisma, oratorical skill and his message of racial pride and self help, one can exaggerate his organizational clout. By comparison, the soft-spoken Islamic leader Warith D. Muhammad, the son of Elijah Muhammad, has a much greater following among black American Muslims.

The fundamental problem which advocates of the march must address, however, is its agenda and message. Chavis has defined three specific objectives: "atonement with God and one another; a drive to register eight million new black voters; and a search for black fathers for 25,000 children, mostly male, who need families."

Let's consider this agenda. Spirituality is at the center of the black protest tradition: all of us certainly favor the development of strong black extended families, communities and institutions. But self-help and individual effort, while important, don't fully address the structures of power which perpetuate black oppression.

Black people don't own the companies which produce millions of firearms which kill thousands of our young people. We don't control the banks which deny us credit and capital; we don't control the ions of drugs pumped into our communities. We don't control the courts and prisons which "warehouse" hundreds of thousands of black men.

Instead of "atonement" to the United States to Washington to indict the real criminals: the racist, reactionary Republican Congress; the failures of the Clinton administration; and a vigorous defense of affirmative action. This is part of the reason that Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, among others, have been noncommittal about the march. To be effective, it should have much broader character, reaching blacks in organized labor, nationalist formations, women's groups, and a whole range of organizations.

Today, we need a march which has a progressive public policy agenda, including demands for full employment, universal health care, housing, and a vigorous defense of affirmative action. This is part of the reason that Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, among others, have been noncommittal about the march. To be effective, it should have much broader character, reaching blacks in organized labor, nationalist formations, women's groups, and a whole range of organizations.

by Connie Woodruff

It's been a relatively quiet summer on the political front, except for Sen. Bill Bradley's surprising announcement he will not seek another term next year.

For the moment, the senator's statements and reasons for giving up the seat he fought so hard to get means little to African Americans, most of whom have never been privy to a close relationship with Mr. Bradley.

African Americans are also unfamiliar with the Democrats and Republicans who want to replace him. All they know is what they read: there is a two-front war on in both parties. Both are congressmen from mostly suburban districts. The Democrat, Rep. Bob Torricelli is viewed as "liberal" and Republican Congressman Dick Zimmer "a conservative."

This may or may not be true. I knew and worked with both men years ago when Torricelli was a protégé of former Governor Brendan Byrne and Dick Zimmer was an assistant to the late Sen. Clifford P. Case. They were a lot younger and less prone to political compromise. But who knows how much they have strayed from the guidelines of their respective mentors, who were firmly entrenched as "liberals."

Ironically, with all of our supposed progress, not one African American is slated to take on the challenge of running for a state-wide office. Is it a matter of money or a fear of voter rejection based on race?

Next year's primary election is definitely not attracting the attention of black and file voters in Newark. The voters are more concerned over filling the council seat vacated by Gary Harris. Potential candidates are quietly filling petitions and things will probably heat up after Labor Day.

There may be a showdown between men and women who ran and lost in the mayor-one election two years ago, and a recycling of familiar faces like Dr. Colleen Walton, Gayle Chaneyfield, Bessie Walker, Frank Pedalino, Kim Gaddy and a candidate from the Latino community.

The times and environment in which we live have made urban education and urban schools the subject of much criticism and cynicism, some justified, some not. Much more important, however, than the criticism and cynicism is the fact that our children must get the best education possible if they are to be able to compete in this ever-changing world. There are several things we can do to improve the quality of our children's education.

First, parents must make a major investment in their children's education. This investment must occur before their children leave home for school.

In the morning, take the time to give them a good breakfast, encourage them to study, listen and apply themselves. Check their homework when they come home to see what they studied or learned in school, see what their homework is and help them with it or go over it with them. Make sure homework gets done every night.

Some children will need tutorial assistance. Some schools offer tutoring and some churches have tutorial programs. There is also an excellent tutorial service: J&M Brown Tutorial Service in Orange. Parents should also ask as soon as possible to go to know their children's teacher(s) and stay in touch with them about their children's progress. They should also get involved in the planning, teaching and other school activities.

Just as important as all of the above, parents must also monitor their children's time. We must cut down on the amount time our children spend watching television, hanging out and just plain wasting time. They must go to bed early, get a good night's sleep, spend more time reading and studying.

Second, our schools and teachers must demand and challenge our children to learn and then learn. The days of mediocrity must end. On the first day of school, every teacher must say to each child in the class that the aim and goal for this class is learning. Nothing else will be accepted or tolerated. Not fighting, not laziness, not weapons, not laziness, but learning.

At the ninth grade level and above, those who don't share that goal have one option and it is not the classroom. Classroom must again be for learning, not all of the other side shows that go on in them.

Administrators, teachers and aides, have to remember that a major investment in educating our children. That may mean doing some things that interfere with our personal time to help a student.

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Finally, our students themselves must commit to learn, be the best they can and do the best they can. They are the most important variable in their getting a good education. After all they have the most to gain or lose by way of a good education. Ultimately, their future is in their hands. How we need the ideas, the skills, the intellect of our children, sharpened and able to help us face these trying and difficult days. May God bless us all to care enough to do what we can and should with what he has given to each of us. Have a good school year.

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It has been suggested that just to live their lives up Tony Imperiale may throw his hat in the ring.

Too often, we overlook neighbors and friends who are too good to be left out. One such person is Sandra Brown, a 51-year-old special education teacher who died in her Montclair home after years of battling Multiple Sclerosis. Ms. Brown was a real profile in courage, refusing to succumb to the pain and suffering of the dreaded disease. She became a role model for the handicapped.

With a degree in junior high school education and a Master's Degree in student personnel services, her preference was to concentrate on educating special education students. She also held a certificate in financial management for independent living centers from Cornell University and a certificate in assertiveness and self-advocacy II from Montclair University.

Among the hundreds who filed past her bier, were scores of the Montclair community who had known and appreciated her work with throughout

the years. The blind came with seeing eye dogs, others came in wheelchairs, walkers and on crutches. They spoke emotionally as people who held Ms. Brown in high esteem as a teacher, mentor and friend.

She was an officer of DIAL, Inc., an organization for the disabled. She was a Christian activist as president of the Methodist youth fellowship, the junior usher board and the junior choir and often attended the youth conference of the former Delaware Annual Conference.

She is survived by her parents, Armour Harding Brown, a well-known Essex County political activist and Minnie Hodges Brown and sister, Mrs. Farelle V. Brown Banks.

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THE PASTOR'S WORD

Make a sound investment in children

by Revs. Reginald T. Jackson & Rajford S. Wheeler

The summer is coming to a close and soon most of our children will be back in school to begin another year of learning. As we begin this school year, it is our reverent prayer and earnest hope that we will make this year the most meaningful and productive for our students, parents and communities.

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Black businesses dependent on federal government?

by Sharon Hodge

Black Entrepreneur Television's Robert Johnson is missing the point. Last month, Johnson urged the nation's 100 largest black-owned businesses to cough up \$5,000 each to form a political action committee. The purpose of that would-be committee is to lobby in favor of keeping racial preferences alive.

Johnson's plea came on the heels of the widely talked-about United States Supreme Court decision that narrows federal affirmative action rules. In the case—*Adarand Contractors Inc. vs. Peña*, Secretary of Transportation—a white contractor in Colorado sued the government after a minority-owned firm was awarded a project in 1990 even though Adarand's company submitted the lowest bid. The high court determined that action smacked of reverse discrimination.

And while legal experts are assessing the ruling's effect, Johnson has waged a damage control effort. But the money he intends to raise could be put to much better use.

If the country's premiere black businesses can donate money for a fight to hold on to two-party system, they could invest money to assist similar minority businesses so federal preferences wouldn't be needed. Why not create a fund that would provide training in the areas of marketing, bidding, cost-efficiency or networking. These front runners could extend a financial hand to groom and nurture fledgling companies. Instead, Johnson suggests exacerbating and perpetuating the problem.

The problem, of course, is that firms who turn to racial preference tend to rely upon it—never to be weaned. There's an attitude that minority businesses are entitled, owed and inherently more deserving. The Supreme Court's decision is an indication that America is saying that "an attitude blacks need to get over."

"Blacks built the pyramids in Africa," Ray Jones told *USA Today* reporter Andrea Stone at the National Association of Minority Contractors' annual meeting in Atlanta in June. "We've been in the construction business a long time. But we don't yet have our fair share," Jones concluded.

Fair? What's fair about denying the lowest bidder work because he's not the "right" race? If Adarand had been black, critics of the ruling would have echoed from coast to coast.

Perhaps Jones should be asking why black companies aren't running their businesses more cost-effectively. It's all about money, not color. So get over it and move on. The time has come for the black business community to become self-sufficient. Instead of depending on the government to level the playing field, black leaders should be doing it themselves.

Perhaps, the resurgence of the principles of free enterprise will become a catalyst to stronger minority-run companies. The hand-outs have obviously resulted in the weakening of the black entrepreneurial spirit. That's if we believe those who cling to affirmative action.

Those who have not learned on the racial crutch have found that opportunity and financial rewards can be obtained through other avenues. While the Adarand case was pending before the court, I interviewed a variety of minority entrepreneurs, one of them was Chuck Wheeler.

Wheeler operates an insurance agency in the Chicago area. Programs based on racial preferences, he says, tarnish the credibility of minority contractors. "If we get rid of minority set-aside programs that would be the best thing in the world for black and [other] minority contractors," said Wheeler.

He has considered taking advantage of minority contracts to build his company, but after 14 years in busi-

ness, he cited his own success as proof that minorities can compete without a helping hand from Uncle Sam.

Statistics support that contention. In 1990, minority business enterprises as a nation-wide earned in the neighborhood of \$9.4 billion from government contracts. Only \$3.7 billion of that was acquired through minority set-aside contracts.

According to DJ, Miller and Associates, an Atlanta-based economic research firm, the lion's share—\$5.7 billion—was income from direct government contracts. And that was the same year preferential treatment was used against Adarand.

So the argument that minority businesses aren't getting a fair share

lacks merit. Consequently, federal programs based exclusively on race should be looked at with close scrutiny.

If black businesses are concerned with the future of minority-owned endeavors, they should be equally concerned about ending race-based preferences. Such programs do nothing to develop the self-reliance that is necessary for long-term growth and stability. After all, what the government gives, it can—and ultimately will take away. Surely the Supreme Court's action provides ample evidence of that.

Hodge is a reporter in the Chapel Hill NC bureau of the *Durham Herald-Sun*.

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YOUTH BEAT

Students win big with robotics classes

KIDS CALENDAR

ATTENTION:

CRANFORD—College For Kids program at Union County College featuring courses in reading, writing, math, drawing, baby-sitting, etc. For more info call 908-709-7600.

SEPTEMBER 14 - 16

SUMMIT—Walk-In-Registration for courses and workshops at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEWARK—Mini Zoo Matters: Discover the wildlife at the Newark Museum from 11 to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NORTH BRANCH—Barbara's Birthday, musical adventure of the king of the elephants, at Raritan Valley Community College for children ages 4 to 10 at 11, 3:30 and 5 p.m. For more info call 908-725-3420.

SEPTEMBER 20 - 28

NEWARK—Registration for the Junior Museum 1995 Fall Weekday Program, After-School and Home-School Workshops at the Newark Museum from 10 a.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

NEWARK—Registration for the Junior Museum 1995 Saturday Workshops at the Newark Museum from 10 a.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

SOMERVILLE—Fun with printmaking for children in grades 4 - 8 at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey at 9 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more info call 908-725-2110.

OCTOBER 23 THRU NOVEMBER 18

CRANFORD—"Pee-Wee Astronomy" course on Saturdays for youth seven through 10 from at Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7600.

City News wishes you a very safe and prosperous 1995-96 school year... Remember education is the key to success.

High school addresses heavy traffic volume

PLAINFIELD—Dr. Leon Edd Jr., principal of Plainfield High School, has announced that parents and staff will no longer be able to use Park Avenue in front of the high school as a drop-off and pick-up point.

"Concern about safety and traffic congestion on Park Avenue led me, the Plainfield Department of Public Affairs and the police department to pool our resources to try to improve the situation," Dr. Edd said.

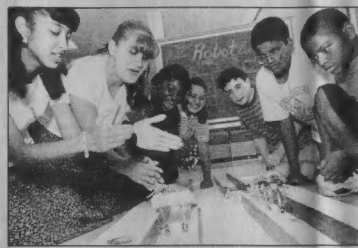
Anyone coming and going from the high school during the peak traffic times on school days are required to use the Stetle and Arlington Avenue entrances to the high school. The traffic volume on Park Avenue has increased steadily and is expected to continue to create safety and congestion problems in the vicinity of the high school unless traffic is reformed.

Newark opens pre-school for handicapped

NEWARK—On September 11 the Mount Carmel Guild Pre-School will open its doors. An extended pre-school in operation from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. the school caters to children aged 3-5 who are classified as "pre-school handicapped" based on a Child Study Team evaluation.

Through the city's Child and Family Development Center, any service mandated by a child's Individual Educational Plan can be accessed on site. Specialties include speech-language pathology, audiology, play therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy. For additional information call Principal Katharine Thomson at 201-639-6622.

NEWARK—With the flip of a tiny power switch and an encouraging cheer from the crowd, five-weeks of hard work paid-off for local stu-



Teams of students cheer their robots, "Blinky" (l) and "Fantastic-4" (r), to victory as they race for the finish line during the Urban Engineering Walking Robot Races at New Jersey Institute of Technology. (l to r) Team "Blinky": Madeline Perez, Newark; Renata Reis, Elizabeth; Tracy Nemy, Irvington; Catherine Sanchez Elizabeth; Team "Fantastic-4": Brian Friedman, Rivervale; Amit Prasad, Jersey City; Nicholas Simmons, East Orange. Photo by Buckley Photography

Young pianists invited to enter music competition

MORRIS TOWNSHIP—The Norman and Sophie Goldblatt Scholarship Fund has issued a call for contestants for its 13th annual statewide music competition, the only event of its kind in New Jersey.

The competition, which will be held at the Delbarton School in Morristown on October 14, focuses on the piano this year. Applications to participate are due by September 30.

The contest is open to piano students who live or attend school in New Jersey. They compete in two

divisions, Junior (to age 13) and Senior (ages 14-18), before an impartial panel of judges.

First prize winners in each division receive up to \$1,000, with second prize winners receiving up to \$500. There is also an honorable mention third prize. Prize winners perform in a public concert at Delbarton.

For entry forms and full requirements for the competition write: The Goldblatt Scholarship Fund, 112 South Hills Avenue, Succasunna, NJ 07876.

ture of Technology.

The races marked the culmination of the NJIT summer Urban Engineering program for junior high and high school students. In addition to taking traditional courses in math, science, engineering and communications, students learned about robotics by building their own "walking robots" using the concepts taught in class.

The robot "Herbie," built by a team of six high school girls, won first place in the high school division and second place overall in the competition. Another robot "Blinky," built by a team of tenth graders from St. Patrick's High School, placed second in the high school division and fourth overall in the competition.

"Even though we only got second place, we're still very proud of Herbie and love him very much," said "Herbie" team member Karla Bateman, of Orange. "The whole experience with robotics was fun and interesting and opened a lot of doors for me. I never thought I would like mechanical engineering, but after building Herbie, I may consider it as a career," Bateman noted.

The robot took a long time to build and it messed up at the end, but we had a lot of fun," said "Blinky" team member Renata Reis, of Elizabeth.

Anne Graham of Morristown, said she got a lot out of the program. "I never realized how much was involved in making such a little robot. It really makes you think about all the other types of robots that are so much bigger, and how much time and energy it must take to build them. I definitely want to come back next year."

Kyla Thomas, of Newark, wasn't sure what to expect from the program. "At first I thought it was going to be boring, but after building Herbie and racing him in the competition, I realized it was great. It turned out to be a really fun program," commented Thomas.

"I will definitely be able to use what I learned in the future," said Stephanie Leonidas of Montclair. "I



Students pose with their robot "Herbie" after winning second place in the Urban Engineering Walking Robot Races at New Jersey Institute of Technology. (l to r) Team "Herbie": DeAndrea Forbes, Orange; Stephanie Leonidas, Montclair; Michele Tiffany Laws, Piscataway; Anne O'rahm, Morristown; Karla Bateman, Orange; Kyla Thomas, Newark. Photo by Buckley Photography

learned how to build things, how robots work, and how to build circuits. They taught circuits in high school but I couldn't understand it for anything, but now I think I understand it more and would be able to apply it to something else later."

The robotics section was taught by Sonia M. Estevez-Alcolado, wired product line manager for Consumer Products of AT&T in Holmdel, N.J. AT&T also donated the robot kits, supplies and the race track.

"I was very impressed with these kids, they were really competitive and some even altered the circuit boards to optimize their robots, which I wasn't expecting at all," said Estevez-Alcolado. "I believe that all kids have potential, they just haven't had the opportunity to explore it, which is why programs like this are so important."

DeAndrea Forbes, of Hillsdale, thought having a woman from the industry teach the class was a good idea.

"It was interesting that she donated her time to come here and help us learn about robotics. She was a good role model because she showed us that

women can do what men can do," said Forbes.

"We met a lot of new people from different schools, and got to do a lot of fun science activities that we don't have in school," said Catherine Sanchez of Elizabeth. "I think I will be able to use some of what I learned

next year, especially in chemistry, because the courses they taught were much more advanced than in school." Fifty students from Essex, Union, Passaic, Middlesex, Hudson and Sussex Counties participated in the NJIT Urban Engineering summer program. The winners received T-shirts and certificates.

The Urban Engineering Program, started in 1970, introduces students to an engineering approach to urban problem solving by addressing issues that affect the quality of life in urban areas. The program includes hands-on projects, lectures, laboratory activities, field trips, a career counseling component, and information on college admission and financial aid. The program is free.

Who was

T. Thomas Fortune?

T. Thomas Fortune (1856-1928), fearless, able, and most sarcastic of black journalists, waged a relentless fight in the press against corrupt politicians and those who denied the black man his full rights of citizenship.

This militant crusader was born in Florida of slave parents who, after the liberation of slaves, moved to Jacksonville, where Fortune attended the Stanton High School for blacks and was employed in the local newspaper offices.

He was appointed special inspector of customs for the eastern district of Delaware in 1875, but soon resigned to continue his education at Howard University in Washington, DC. After two years of study, he returned to Florida to teach, but, because the classroom held no interest for him, he moved to New York City in 1879.

In New York City, Fortune started a newspaper, *The Rumor*, which became *The New York Globe* but, because of a disagreement between Fortune and his partner in the newspaper, the *Globe* died in 1884. A week later, Fortune produced another paper, *The New York Freeman*, which became one of the most militant black newspapers in the United States. With Jerome Peterson as partner, he changed the name of the paper to *The New York Age*.

Fortune published three books, *Black and White*, *The Negro in Politics and Dream of Life*, and in the late 1880's wrote as an editorial writer for the *New York Evening Sun*, a leading daily newspaper.

Source: *International Library of Afro-American Life and History*, 1979.

Gain the test-taking advantage

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Having college acceptance anxieties because you don't possess good test-taking skills? Well there is a new game which is supposed to help you with that problem. The Test Taking Advantage, a strategy board game that prepares students for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), is now available for the 1995-96 testing schedule.

Wholeheartedly endorsed and recommended by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the game can be purchased

by calling NASSP toll-free 1-800-253-7746. Free brochures are also available from by calling 1-617-750-0298. The game is not available in stores.

Players compete by correctly answering SAT-type questions on 700 cards covering verbal, math and test-taking strategies as well as 1995's revised essay and math "grid" questions.

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International travel scholarships offered for students

CAMBRIDGE, MA—Students who would like to see the world—and have an innovative plan to change it—are invited to apply for the EF Ambassador Scholarship. The annual scholarship program recognizes North American youth while promoting cultural exchange.

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GREEN BROOK—Podiatric Basic Life Support Course for Grandparents at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 1:30 and 4 p.m. For more info call 908-887-1800.

MONTCLAIR—Arthritis Support Group at Montclair Community Hospital from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more info call 201-744-7300, ext. 4312.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

IRVINGTON—Community High Blood Pressure Control Program, sponsored by the Dept. of Health's Nursing Division, at the Senior Citizens Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-399-6652.

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ISELIN—Two-day training workshop for "Arthritis Self-Help Course" leaders who will help deal with arthritis from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 908-283-4300.

The Happiest Place

by Michael Blackmon

The happiest place on Earth for me
 Is where my God would have me be
 The happiest thing that I can do
 Is work my Lord has called me to
 The happiest path my eyes can see
 Is that I read from Jesus' sake
 The happiest light my ears can hear
 Is the sight of Christlike purity
 The happiest sound my ears can hear
 Is that my Savior draws near

New Jersey electric rates among the highest

TRENTON—New Jersey Citizen Action released a study showing how high New Jersey's electric rates are compared to those of over 100 other utility companies throughout the surrounding states.

With the state's electric rates among the highest in the country, New Jersey Citizen Action has called on Governor Christine Whitman and the State's Board of Public Utilities to mandate a 25 percent across-the-board rate reduction for all utility companies.

"It's time for New Jersey ratepayers to go on the offensive," said Vic DeLuca, chair of Citizen Action. DeLuca is also a member of the BPU's Energy Master Plan Advisory Panel.

"The cost of electricity in New Jersey is totally out of control and we're here to say that we're not going to take it anymore," DeLuca noted.

Over the next year, the BPU is undertaking an ambitious plan to review the current structure of the state's electric industry. Part of this review involves the extent to which increased competition and less regulation will help or hurt electric prices in New Jersey.

"The utilities know their rates are over-inflated and they may even try to get away with a nickel and dime cut, but we're not going to let them get off that easily," says DeLuca.

In California last year, a similar review by that state's public utility regulators led to Pacific Electric and Gas, the state's largest utility company, to propose a rate cut for its ratepayers. The \$2.1 billion or 10 percent rate reduction, was the first sign that the days of ever increasing costs of electricity and the resulting explosion of utility company profits are over.

A significant part of Citizen Action's push for a 25 percent rate reduction includes a statewide petition drive. Organizers plan to collect 25,000 signatures over the next several months and present them to Governor Whitman and the BPU.

Rev. Carl Hunter of Mt. Zion AME Church said that he is going to have his parishioners sign the petitions as well as collect more signatures in their neighborhoods.

"Electric costs are way too high in New Jersey and it's too much of a burden for people who are working hard just trying to make ends meet," Hunter said.

Frieda Kerns, president of the Carteret Arrets Tenants Association, added that with the recent passage of the "flex rate bill," residential ratepayers should be afforded some relief from their high electric bills, too. The "flex rate bill," which was passed earlier this summer, allows utility

companies to give price breaks to large businesses and pass along 50 percent of the difference to residential and small business ratepayers.

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Atlantic Electric	500 kWh	\$51.30	\$38.60	\$12.70/\$152.40
Rockland Electric	500 kWh	\$54.10	\$40.55	\$13.55/\$162.60

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Foundation classic to benefit Diabetes Center

PLAINFIELD—The Foundation Classic, slated for September 11, at the Plainfield Country Club, will be the seventh tournament for the benefit of the Diabetes Center, a division of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

For the sixth consecutive year, Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will sponsor the event. Designated a Lexus Champions for Charity Tournament for the second consecutive year, the Foundation Classic offers the opportunity to play one of

America's top 50 golf courses and a chance to win a Lexus LS400 for a hole-in-one, courtesy of tournament sponsor DiFeo Lexus. In addition, Lexus will donate \$1,000 to the Diabetes Center of New Jersey.

In attendance will be CBS sports commentator and golf analyst, Ben Wright. The tournament will include breakfast and luncheon buffets, a cocktail reception and an awards dinner. For additional information and tournament sponsorships call 908-668-2025.

UMDNJ hosts Minority Health Fair

NEWARK—The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in Newark will host and sponsor a free health fair Thursday, September 7, focusing on preventive health for children and adults.

The event, to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the 12th Avenue courtyard of the University, will be held in celebration of Minority Health Month. Health information booths will be set up to provide exhibits, hand-outs and free health screenings. Experts will be available to discuss nutrition, dental hygiene, first aid,

family planning, allergy relief and pediatric care, among other topics.

"Preventive medicine is increasingly important in today's society," said Mary Mathis-Ford, chairperson of the UMDNJ Board of Concerned Citizens. "We can all increase our chances of living long and healthy lives by taking just a few extra steps to eat sensibly and exercise."

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Grand Foyer of the Medical Science Building, 185 South Orange Ave. For more information call 201-982-5529.



COP support

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program. The concept of the Police/Community Partnership Program is based upon the premise that urban criminal violence can be impacted by reducing violent offenders, stabilizing high crime areas; rehabilitating neighborhoods; and strengthening existing community institutions.

There are four components in this Partnership Program: Safe Haven Program (SH), COP, Neighborhood Revitalization and Reclamation Program (NRRP), and Violent Offender Removal Program (VORP).

"I see a city that had a glorious past, but poverty began to overtake it years ago. People were able to abandon the city because the jobs (companies) moved. We can't ignore the urban and city responsibilities and what we are doing today is saying, 'let's return to something that is a little old fashion' and that is the police officer on the street seen by people in the neighborhood," said Senator Lautenberg.

City Councilman Malcolm Dunn agreed with the senator saying the response for the policing program has been a positive one by residents.

"It's an identity in the community. Many have related to me that it is nice to see the officers," said Dunn.

Sen. Lautenberg will soon become the senior Democrat on the budget committee for the U.S. Senate and says as head of the committee he will fight to maintain funding in the necessary areas and eliminate it in other areas where it is not needed as much, such as defense and agriculture.

The Senator praised such programs as SH program for providing positive role models to children. SH's goal is to provide community children with a safe environment to enjoy recreational, social and educational activities. SH operates after-school and summer programs, field trips, guest speakers and classes for youth at various sites in the city.

"When children don't have a moment of kindness or a moment of stability they begin to respond to life the way life responds to them," said Lautenberg. "They say nobody should be a damn about it who's should I care about anybody else. So, we are talking about programs that can intervene before a child steps off on his or her own."

The children are given an opportunity to participate in the planning of what goes on in their classrooms. From Essex Orange where students are members of strategic planning boards, to Asbury Park's buddy system, the superintendents are all trying to keep contact with their students.

Sinatra is looking to motivate students to do well on standardized tests. Starting September 17 for five Saturday, students are encouraged to attend HSPT seminars so that those who did not pass last year in the high schools will receive a recognition. I don't know what it will be yet, but I am working on it," stated Superintendent Sinatra.

In Newark, Hall is looking at a leadership. "I want to develop a student advisory board and a superintendent youth advisory board. I want at least two youth leadership town hall meetings and really want students to be aware of how they can be participants on school based planning teams. There is also a plan to

Just as the parents are being involved in their children's education,

BMOA scholarship program to help employees

NEW YORK—The Tri-State area Black McDonald's Owners/Operator Association (BMOA) recently announced the creation of a new scholarship program aimed at helping its employees earn additional money for college. New York Kotek and Patrick Ewing (canters) was in part of McDonald's ongoing commitment to assisting crew members in achieving their educational goals. Pictured with Ewing are BMOA president Frank Marston; McDonald's owner/operators Jeff Carter and Judy Young; and McDonald's owner/operator Carole Riley and Charles Phillips.

Photo by Allen Morgan/Photo Service

Applications accepted for firemen trainees

HACKENSACK—The adult division of Bergen County Technical Schools (BCTS) is now accepting applications for training for the fireman, fireman-in-charge or engineer's licenses which is scheduled to begin in the fall.

The Stationary Engineering Technology Program prepares students to work in boiler rooms or refrigeration facilities of large manufacturing plants, multi-level commercial buildings and public institutions such as schools, hospitals, and municipal buildings. Classes at BCTS are offered full-time days or part-time evenings on the Hackensack campus.

Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to sit for the licensing examination mandated by the state of New Jersey. The day program runs for five months and requires no prior experience in these fields. For information about the day program call 201-343-6000, ext. 2238, for the evening division call 2236, or 2233.

School clean-up

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Buildings, however, aren't the only things that will be cleaned. According to Hall, a conference was held with the principals to address the current curriculum being taught to students. Principals are being asked to see if students are receiving curriculum that

ARTZ WEDNESDAY

BILLBOARD

SEPTEMBER 15 - 17

ATLANTIC CITY—Liza Minnelli at The Grand. For more info call 1-800-736-1420.

SEPTEMBER 15 THRU OCTOBER 15

ELIZABETH—End of Summer (play) at The Elizabeth Playhouse. For more info call 908-355-0077.

SEPT. 29 THRU OCT. 22

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Mousetrap at the George Street Playhouse. For more info call 908-246-7717.

Lawrence and Grier head-up Fox Saturday nights

NEW YORK—The infamous creator of the phrase, "You so crazy," actor, comedian and director Martin Lawrence, returns to FOX for a fourth season on a new night with the hit comedy *MARTIN*.

On Saturday nights the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Gina Payne (Lawrence) and (Tisha Campbell), embark on their new life together as husband and wife. Yet as much as they love one other, each has a different perspective on the road that lies ahead.

This season, Martin isn't about to let the institution of marriage take away his individuality or put a crimp in his lifestyle. Gina is perfectly content with settling down and moving

into a new phase in her life. One thing is for certain—Ozzie and Harriet they are not!

Also returning are close pals Pam (Tichina Arnold), Gina's quick-tongued, sassy best friend, forever verbally dueling with Martin and Tommy (Thomas Mikal Ford) and Cole (Carl Anthony Payne II) Martin's homeboys from the hood. And of course, all of the other characters Martin is so famous for.

Airing at 8:30 p.m. on Fox is *The Preston Episodes*, a half-hour comedy featuring David Alan Grier. Grier plays a newly divorced college professor moving from his comfortable, but predictable, life in New Jersey to pursue his life-long dream of becoming a writer in New York City.

A 37-year-old scholar and academic, David Preston (Grier) makes the drastic move to the big city and rents a tiny one-bedroom apartment that comes complete with a very eccentric, ne'er-do-well neighbor named Derek (Tommy Hinkley), who is constantly on the look out for schemes to raise rent money, usually

getting Preston into trouble in the process.

Job hunting doesn't agree with Preston, who's dream of making journalistic history and winning the Pulitzer Prize is deflated when the only job he can land is with a magazine called *Stuff* as an underpaid photo caption writer.

Also appearing in *The Preston*

Episodes is Clive Revill as Larry Dunhill, a belligerent lover of printed nonsense who rebels against any attempt Preston makes to increase the integrity of the publication. Judith Scott plays Kelly Freeman, a burned out, one-time award-winning writer who left the world of real news to escape ulcers and anxiety attacks.



David Allan Grier joins the staff of a celebrity tabloid magazine as David Preston on the *Preston Episodes*. Photo by St. Nicholas/FOX



Cast of *Martin* (l to r) Tichina Arnold, Carl Anthony Payne, Martin Lawrence, Tisha Campbell and Tommy Mikal Ford. Photo by Aaron Rapoport

Lee returns with *Clockers*

NEW YORK—Time is running out for a young drug dealer whose world spins out of control when he is caught between a homicide detective's frenzied pursuit and a narcotics kingpin bent on protecting his interests at any cost in Spike Lee's latest creation *Clockers*.

The Dunham brothers grew up together in the same Brooklyn housing project, yet they're as opposite as good is from evil. Victor Dunham (Isaiah Washington) has a family works two jobs and leads a respectable life. His younger brother, Strike (Mekhi Phifer), on the other hand, has an "office" bench with a panoramic view of the projects and an eager staff selling vials of crack for instant profit.

When a rival dealer is murdered, it is the upstanding sibling who steps forward with a stunning confession. Veteran homicide detective Rocco Klein (Harvey Keitel)—disillusioned for longer than he can remember and on the verge of retirement—is on the case. Though a conviction is all but handed to Rocco on a silver platter, he, unlike partner Larry Maffili (John Turturro), is cursed with an inability to accept the confession at face value.

As the murder mystery unravels, the pressure-packed life of a drug dealer gets more and more intertwined with that of an obsessed homicide investigator. Rocco will not rest until



Strike Dunham (c) (Mekhi Phifer) is flanked by Rocco Klein (l) (Harvey Keitel) and Larry Maffili (r) (John Turturro) two homicide detectives investigating the murder of a low-level drug dealer, or a "clocker." Photo by David Lee

he breaks down the stories of both brothers, till he saves the one who has struggled to lead a virtuous life and condemns his underserving sibling to a life behind bars.

"This movie deals with the proliferation of violence and guns in our society," Lee says, "how movies, television, radio, music videos, gangsta rap, mall liquor ads—how this whole culture promotes carrying Ozis and nine millimeters."

For Lee, *Clockers* was an opportunity to capture the diversity of those who live within the confines of the

projects. "It would be a fallacy to say everyone in the projects is on dope or pregnant at 13. We wanted to show the humanity that these people have and it's something that you might not necessarily see looking at the six o'clock news," adds Lee.

The movie is based on Richard Price's book "Clockers" published in 1992. Price collaborated with Lee on the screen play for the movie. Rated R, *Clockers* hits the theaters Wednesday, September 13. The movie was directed and co-produced by Spike Lee.

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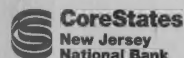
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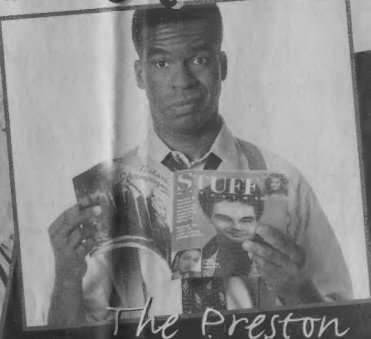
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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SOMERSET—Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange at the Ramada Inn. Call 908-725-1552.

NEWARK—Washington Commons Development Corporation meeting at 550 Broad Street, 16th fl., at 8 a.m. For more info call Mary Landy at 201-424-6237, ext. 227.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

PLAINFIELD—Dressing for Success workshop for women at the YWCA Urban Women's Center from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-756-5000.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

NEW BRUNSWICK—Business Matters. You want me to do what? Conference at the Hyatt Regency. For more info call 908-721-3030.

PLAINFIELD—Stress Management workshop for women at the YWCA Urban Women's Center from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-756-5000.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

NEW YORK—Strategies for Developing Effective Presentation Skills sessions. For more info call 1-800-262-9589.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

NEWARK—Center City Development Corporation meeting at the Newark Club, 22nd fl., at 8 a.m. For more info call Mary Landy at 201-424-6237, ext. 227.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NEWARK—Marketing Workshops to address overseas selling at the Ramada Hotel Newark Airport from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 908-987-1202 or fax 908-987-0092.

SEPTEMBER 18-20

NEW YORK—Second Annual Circulation Management Conference and Expo at the Manhattan Crowne Plaza. For more info call 212-979-0730.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEWARK—Public Affairs Research Institute breakfast program at the Newark Club at 8:30 a.m. For more info call 609-452-0220 or fax 609-452-1788.

SEPTEMBER 19-24

WASHINGTON, DC—CBC Week, sponsored by the congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. Call 202-675-6730.

by Paul Okola PanAfrican News Agency Correspondent

LAGOS, NIGERIA—A team of fund managers from Europe and the United States visited Nigeria recently to have a first-hand look at opportunities for investing in the country, arguably, the second largest economy in Africa.

A year ago, this visit by fund managers with up to \$40 billion to spend would have been impossible. The Nigerian military government had then reverted to regulating the economy after eight years of structural adjustment during which deregulation was the order of the day.

But the 1995 budget changed this. Government came out with measures to place the country back on the path of guided deregulation. To make the economy investor-friendly, military ruler General Sani Abacha repeated two laws which discouraged foreign investment.

The Exchange Control Act of 1962 and the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree of 1989. The former limited the free movement of foreign currency in the country while the latter restricted foreign ownership of some business concerns.

In their place, government last month signed two new statutes into law; the Nigerian Investment Promotion Decree and the Foreign Currency and Capital Investment Monitoring Decree.

According to Finance Minister Anthony Ani, the first law is meant to guarantee foreign investment against nationalization, or expropriation by government and allow foreigners to buy shares in any Nigerian company.

Also, it will now be possible to transfer abroad, unconditionally, through authorized banks, funds, dividends, net profits, debt repayments and remittances of proceeds from sale or liquidation of an enterprise or any interest attributed to investment.

Under the second law which formalizes the Autonomous Foreign Exchange Market, anyone transacting business in the foreign exchange market shall not be required to disclose the source of the hard currency.

"It appears that foreign investors would soon be able to invest in the Nigerian economy which was closed before," said John Taylor of the UK-based Morgan Grenfell, one of the fund managers who visited the country in June before the new laws came into force.

Experts agree that Nigeria is at last serious about attracting foreign investment. For its part, the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) is bracing up for an upsurge in activities.

The new law has opened the door for foreign stockbrokers to become trading members of the exchange. Also, shares of Nigerian companies can now be traded simultaneously on other exchanges with which the NSE collaborates. Foreigners can now buy shares in Nigerian companies too.

If its recent performance is anything to go by, the NSE is a safe place to invest. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a subsidiary of the World Bank, considers it a promising emerging market.

Between 1993 and last year, the NSE all-share index went up from 1543.8 to 2205, representing a 42.8 percent rise in local currency terms. In the second quarter of 1994, it gained 6.5 percent in dollar terms. The mood of the key officials of the exchange is upbeat.

"If we are to go by the results being declared by quoted companies, we are likely to see a continuous growth in both the local index and the IFC index," Pascal Dozie, president of the NSE told PANA.

However, one worry of foreign portfolio investors, is the volume of the market. With a market capitalization of about \$1.5 billion dollars, for example, the fund managers who visited in June, with an aggregate of \$40 billion to spend, say what they might be able to invest in the market might be too small to impress their own investors initially.

But they were quick to point out that they could invest adequately when the government decides to embark on another round of privatization exercises. Huge state-owned utilities like the telecommunications and electricity companies are among those being eyed by investors.

Other problems that foreigners may encounter include the lack of efficient infrastructure. Public utilities such as telephone, electricity and the postal services are very unreliable.

able, inhibiting smooth capital market operations.

The exchange too has its own peculiar problems. "Settlement and custodian problems continue to bog trading transactions. The operations are still manually done," says the IFC.

Trading is via the call-over system where brokers shout their bids and offers across the trading ring while an official of the exchange oversees the proceedings.

However, efforts have been intensified to eliminate the delays caused by the manual operation. A central securities clearing house is to be established before the end of the year, officials say. The NSE has acquired the Canadian Alberta Stock Exchange Software for the clearing system.

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Getting a credit 'check-up' can improve loan chances

NEW YORK—If you're like most Americans, the Census Bureau says that you get a medical check-up at least once a year and a dental check-up at least twice a year. But when was the last time you got a check-up on the health of your credit report?

Knowing what's in your credit report is particularly important if you're hoping to purchase a home in the future. If you find that your credit history is less than sterling or errors have been made in your report, taking steps now to clean it up will make the loan application process smoother and faster. And it could bolster your chances of getting the financing you'll need to close the sale.

By ordering a copy of your credit report from one or more of the credit reporting bureaus that operate in your area. A professional real estate sales associate can tell you which reporting agencies are commonly used by local lenders, or you can contact a few financial institutions and mortgage brokers yourself to see which agencies they typically use.

Get copies of your credit report from at least two or three different bureaus, because one bureau might have information in your file that another agency does not. The three largest reporting agencies in the nation are TRW, Trans Union Corp. and Equifax. If these three agencies are not listed in your phone book, you can get their toll-free numbers by calling 1-800-555-1212. If there are any discrepancies on the reports you obtain—for example, a credit card company or auto dealer erroneously claims that you missed a couple of payments—contact the creditor and resolve the matter immediately.

A canceled check is the most effective way to prove that you paid a bill on time. If the payment you reportedly missed occurred several years

ago and you have since tossed your checks out, your bank can probably provide a microfilm copy for a small fee.

Even if you really did miss a few payments because you got into a financial jam or a dispute with a creditor, send a letter to the credit bureau to explain your side of the story. The letter will become a permanent part of your credit report. Many mortgage lenders are more lenient with loan applicants who take the time to explain why they didn't pay a particular bill than they are with borrowers who skipped some payments in the past and never bothered to explain why.

Also make sure that you're getting credit where credit is due. For example, if you're a first-time buyer and have a good payment record with your current landlord, ask the landlord to report those payments to local and national credit bureaus. Similarly, if you're married and have joint accounts that show an outstanding repayment history, make sure those accounts appear on both your own and your spouse's individual reports.

It will take more than a good-looking credit report to persuade a mortgage lender that you are a credit-worthy borrower. Here are some additional tips from Century 21 that can help make your "credit profile" as handsome as possible.

- Don't make any "big-ticket" purchases until the sale closes. Having as much money in the bank and as little debt as possible will greatly improve your chances of getting a mortgage.
- Don't change jobs now, unless it will be a promotion and you'll earn more money. Lenders favor applicants who have been steadily employed in the same line of work, especially if they have been

See CREDIT CHECKUP/page 10

Small Business Association brings financial management to Newark

NEWARK—In an effort to reach small business owners and start-up companies in urban areas throughout the state, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is taking its programs to the people.

On Wednesday, September 27, SBA is hosting a free Community Assistance Seminar for Essex County small business owners interested in learning about SBA loan programs and business counseling services.

The seminar will be held at Newark City Hall (Room B-29) from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Joining the SBA as sponsors of the program are the New-

ark Coalition of Small Business Development, Rutgers Newark Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). The seminar will feature representatives from these sponsors as well as representatives from local banks.

"The idea behind the Community Assistance Seminar is to take SBA programs to the people in communities where they are needed the most," said Francisco Marrero, SBA New Jersey district director.

"I am certain this type of forum will help the SBA to encourage fur-

ther loan activity throughout Essex County," he continued.

After the seminar, participants will have the opportunity to meet with several local SBA lenders who will be on hand to discuss the application process for an SBA loan. In addition to the bankers, representatives from SCORE and SBDC will be available for individual consultation.

Small business owners and start-up companies from Essex County interested in attending the seminar should call 201-733-8527. No registration fee is required.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, invites Proposals from qualified firms to perform **ASBESTOS REMEDIATION AT TATLER TOWERS, KENNEDY ARMS, FORD LEONARD TOWNSHIP AND CONCORD TOWNSHIP**. The successful bidder will be responsible for the design, construction and engineering of the project.

Proposals must be submitted in triplicate in a sealed envelope, properly marked with the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

EDWARD L. BLEAZER
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 06/06/95 FEE: \$50.00

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
 A Bid Committee of the City of Plainfield will receive sealed bids at a meeting to be held in the Library of City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060, on Monday, September 11, 1995, for:

- Transmission Repair
 One new 1995 four wheel drive pickup truck
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 Specifications and proposal forms which your bid must be submitted, are available at the office of the purchasing agent, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 (908) 753-3211, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The bids may be hand delivered or mailed, but must be received at the office no later than the time at which the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informality in the bids or to accept any bid at a price less than the bid price for the work of the City of Plainfield.

RICHARD V. RENJA
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 06/03/95 FEE: \$25.00

LEGAL NOTICE

SECTION 06020
ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge in the County of Middlesex, will receive sealed bid proposals for the following project:

Lump Sum single contract for all Interior Painting Work shown, specified, or required at NJ33-3F
 Olden Towers, NJ33-7 Greater Towers, and
 at both sites in the Township of Woodbridge.

Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, NJ on Monday, September 25, 1995, at 10:30 a.m. At which time, they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Meeting of the Bid Meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 1995, at Greater Towers, 450 New Avenue, Colonia, NJ, Woodbridge Township.

The project consists generally of interior painting at all sites of Senior Citizen Housing in Woodbridge Township.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects or informality in the bids. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

The information for Bidders, Form of bid, and Specifications may be reviewed and obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey, at any time during regular business hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday upon payment of a non-refundable \$75.00 certified check, money order, or cash payable to the Woodbridge Housing Authority or on site. Project Manual will not be mailed.

All bidders are required to submit a certified check to the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and at the office of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge.

06/03/95 FEE: \$75.00

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LEGAL NOTICE

SANITARY INSPECTOR

The Township of Montclair an EOE/Affirmative Action Employer, Department of Health and Human Services is seeking a Sanitary Inspector who will perform routine inspections of retail food establishments and enforce appropriate state and local ordinances. Hours are Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Must be available for on-call and overtime service. Successful candidate must have a valid NJ Drivers License, two-years sanitary inspection experience is preferred. Apply Township of Montclair, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. Closing date: Friday, August 25, 1995.

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be acceptable to the government (Federal). Individual

subscribers shall not be considered. The use of the U.S. Constitution No. 170 published annually in the Federal Register is mandatory. The bidder shall also include a Certificate of Surety at the time of bidding. In the event the bidder is a corporation or partnership, a statement must be submitted setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein as the case may be. Each bid must also be accompanied by a certification by the bidder, regarding Equal Opportunity Employment Practices and a Non-discriminatory Affidavit and Statement of Compliance with bidding requirements. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for Performance/Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

All bids are to be hand delivered at the time and place of the prescribed meeting as indicated above. No bid will be accepted by mail or delivered before said meeting.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127, a law supplementing the "Anti Discrimination Act."

JOHN SZLADAY
 ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE
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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE/FACTORY FOR CARBON LAUNDRY SERVICES
 NHA BID #S-0296-1

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for a Five-Year Lease Agreement Space/Factory for Carbon Laundry Services. Tuesday, September 19, 1995 at 11:00 a.m.

Abid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and requested above the date by the Contract Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102 at which time and place indicated above, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 1995 located in first floor conference room 200.

Bid Specifications for the above, will be available for pickup at the Contract Division of the NHA at the said address (Tel. No. (201) 430-2362).

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid opening. The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it serves the interest of the Newark Housing Authority.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the NHA.

LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
HAROLD LUCAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 FEE: \$79.30

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for Replacement of Floor and Interior Painting of Project NJ 50-1, Concord Towers. Bids are to be submitted at the Office of the Housing Authority located at the City of East Orange, 1500 Broadway, East Orange, New Jersey 07018, on Wednesday, September 27, 1995, at 11:00 a.m., at which time they will be publicly open and read aloud.

Copies of Contract Documents including Drawings, Specifications, Information to Bidders, and Bidding Forms may be obtained at the Office of the Housing Authority between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. on September 13, 1995, at the Office of the Housing Authority located at 1500 Broadway Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

A refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), payable by certified check or money order made payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is required for bidding documents. For unsuccessful bidders, deposit will be refunded upon return of such sums, in good condition, within fifteen (15) days from the date of their written request.

06/03/95 FEE: \$79.30

LEGAL NOTICE

HELP WANTED

ADMINISTRATOR

The Berkeley Township Housing Authority is seeking an experienced person as administrator for Public Housing, Section 8 and Family Self Sufficiency Programs. All resumes to be considered must be in by September 8, 1995. The Berkeley Township Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to: Richard C. Aiello, PHM, 44 Frederick Dr., Bayville, NJ 08721

LEGAL NOTICE

ATTENTION NEW JERSEY STATE LICENSED CONTRACTORS

The City of East Orange is now accepting applications for Qualified Contractors with a license in being certified to bid for HUD funded Rehabilitation Projects in the City of East Orange.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for receipt and opening of bids, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the Bidder or his agent. Bids must be presented in the form prescribed by the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. No bid will be accepted after designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the Bidder and marked "PAINTING AND FLOOR TILE REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NJ 50-1, CONCORD TOWERS."

Each Bidder must submit with his/her bid a certified check or bond payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, U.S. Government Surety or an acceptable surety company in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid. Bid bond must be accompanied by a consent of surety.

The successful Bidder shall also be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds for the full amount of the bid. The surety company for all bonds must be a guaranty or surety company acceptable to the U.S. Department of Treasury. Individual sureties will not be considered. The surety company must also be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids, award part or whole Specification, to waive any informality in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

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HARRY B. JACKSON
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On August 30, 1995 AT 3:30 P.M.

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Bid Specifications for the above are available for pickup at the Main Office of the PHA at the said address. Telephone: (908) 753-3127.

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The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange seeks a qualified candidate for the position of Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator to develop, manage, and supervise a program to ensure economic opportunities for Low Income families in our Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance Program.

Duties will include: liaison between FSS participants and a service providers for delivery of Human Services self direct case management of the services Requirements: BA in social work, counseling, health services, psychology or related field. Familiarity with HUD regulations preferred.

To apply submit only letter of interest (no phone calls), a detailed resume and at least three professional references by September 15, 1995, addressed to:

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School plans

include a Newark youth leadership development program and I'm moving very quickly to put that in place," stated Dr. Hall.

Dr. Mundy is very excited about his district's new project, a new school building for elementary students. "For the last eight to nine years we had a building project that was delayed. Litigation was finally ruled on that in favor of the district last year and we are on the way of completing the new elementary school. Anticipated completion date is Sept. 1996. When completed the school will allow us to close down a substandard facility and relocate youngsters into a moderate new building," Mundy acknowledged.

Another state-operated school district, Paterson's plans include to restructure high schools into academic houses in accordance with findings. East Side High, has been involved in the program and offers curriculum in urban planning and applied technology, health and related professions and business technology. EK High School is planning for implementation of two academies for the fall.

The district is also considering a collaborative sponsorship of an alternative high school for disruptive students. The support will come from family court judges and Paterson housing authority.

Policing

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Officers" is designed to coordinate with School Superintendent Larry Leverett and new High School Principal Dr. Leon Edd's "return to the basics" initiative.

In addition to Plainfield, Newark is also increasing police presence throughout its communities. The city recently received a \$309,000 grant from the Federal Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) initiative to put more police officers on the streets.

The federal grant also includes a COPS Making Officer Re-deployment Effective (MORE) provision, which will allow the Newark Police Department to hire 10 civilians to operate and maintain the new computer equipment obtained through the grant.

According to Newark Police Director William Coates, "we won this grant after competing with over

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According to Dr. Judith Sampson Kronin Paterson, executive assistant to the state superintendent, this is a different approach to learning. "Instead of students coming in and taking a traditional course, there will be these academic houses where there will be a major theme thrust where the work will be geared to a specific area."

As part of their preparation for the upcoming school year Paterson students and administrators have been participating in summer retreats, workshops, and continuous planning meetings to focus on the effectiveness of team building and functioning in a team.

Over the summer the students participated in a very extensive HSPT program which is also a year-round initiative and will be continued.

"Students who are going into 12th grade were invited back for a summer program where they utilized technology and computers, said Sampson Kronin. "We looked at students in the 12th grade who did not graduate because of low HSPT scores, and started tutoring time for them also. Afternoon, Saturday and after school sessions are highly recommended."

"There is the task of making sure that students who are in need of passing the test are in need of the program through parent meetings and local Channel 8 presentations to teach students," Sampson Kronin stated.

200 other law enforcement agencies in the country. These civilian positions will permit us to put 10 more cops on the street. I'm very happy about that."

Mayor Sharpe James proudly exclaimed, "The allocation of dollars from the federal government is wonderful news. As Mayor, I am proud to salute Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg for their tireless efforts in making this day happen, and for working diligently to enhance the public safety and quality of life in Newark."

The mayor continued that although more police officers alone is not the sole solution to crime, it is part of the answer in the battle against lawlessness. We must couple these new hires with more personal responsibility, stricter discipline, a greater sense of morality and harsher penalties for law-breakers."

News

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owned quality hotels left in America. The shut down is set for Oct. 30. The hotel opened in 1978 as the Harbore House Hotel, the brainchild of Washington, DC entrepreneur Ed Murphy. Howard purchased the hotel in 1981, but has never been able to turn it into a profit-making enterprise. It is unclear as to whether another black group will attempt to buy the 150-room facility.

—WASHINGTON, DC

SMALL NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PILOTS ARE BLACK

An industry survey shows that fewer than one percent of the nation's commercial airline pilots are African American. According to the head of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots Perry Jones, "We had more black pilots in 1942 than we do today." Even in the military, which has provided a wide range of career opportunities to minorities, 86 percent of all pilots are white males.

—ATLANTA, GA

SUPPORT STRONG FOR NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

Jerry Roebuck of Black Exp USA and Curtis Symonds of Black Entertainment Television joined together in a program called the National Marrow Donors Program. The program is designed to raise awareness of the need for African-American bone marrow donors. Their business organizations contributed \$600 in a Celebrity Star basketball game in Washington, DC that featured NBA stars such as Grant

Hill, John Salley and Michael Adams. —WASHINGTON, DC

"PRESCRIPTION FOR CHANGE: THE HEALTH OF BLACK AMERICA"

Black Entertainment Television (BET) takes a critical look at health care in America and how it affects the African-American community in a Town Hall Meeting entitled "Prescription For Change: The Health of Black America," which airs Sept. 12. Why is the African-American community in particular dying at an alarming rate? Is the African-American community in the midst of a medical crisis? Does America have an attitude of medical neglect? These questions will be answered in the BET special, produced in conjunction with AT&T and Emme magazine, which examines many issues affecting the health and well-being of the African-American community and remedies for change from these problems —WASHINGTON, DC

BLACKS WITH PROSTATE CANCER

According to government statistics, almost a quarter of a million men will develop prostate cancer this year. And over 400,000 will die from this disease. But, new tests, combined with traditional exams, have increased the likelihood of discovering prostate cancer in its early stages. And early detection can be the key to successful treatment. African Americans are high-risk for prostate cancer and all black males over 50 should have an annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) test.

—WASHINGTON, DC

Coach

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Southwestern Athletic Conference and Grambling State University. He has been praised, recognized and awarded by organizations from coast to coast.

"But the coach's professional legacy extends more than Hall of Fame inductions, tributes and awards. Robinson has served as an inspiration, father, friend, counselor, teacher and coach to hundreds of young men, helping to shape their character and their careers—both on and off the field.

More than 300 of Robinson's players have been to pro football camps. More than 200 have played in

the NFL and seven were drafted in the first round.

"What does he have to say about his amazing winning record? 'The real record I have set for over 50 years is the fact that I have had one job and one wife (Doris, who he married in 1941, the same year he began coaching at Grambling)."

"All I wanted to be was a good American football coach. I believe I can lose without acting the fool; I believe I can win without bragging. But somewhere in the back of my mind, I am trying to make a contribution to our society," he said.

Credit 'check up'

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moving up the career ladder and their earning power is growing. If your employment history over the past several years shows long gaps between jobs, be prepared to explain them to your lender. It's not unusual for people to drop out of the work force to go back to school or raise their kids, but copies of school transcripts or birth certificates can make a lender more comfortable.

If you were injured or too sick to work, provide copies of your medical bills or disability papers. Even if you were simply laid off and couldn't find a new job quickly, copies of letters or resumes you sent to prospective employers can show a lender that you were actively looking for work.

March

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The march's position on African-American women is equally problematic. Telling our sisters to "stay home and pray" while brothers march seems anachronistic and reactionary. We should remember the unique contributions and insights of sisters like Ella Baker, who helped to define the Civil Rights Movement. We need to challenge the organizers of this march to recognize that only on the basis of unity in action, as full partners and participants in struggle and resistance, can African Americans overcome sex-

ism and women's inequality.

The 1941 all-black march on Washington tells us that struggle is the best and only means for an oppressed people to gain their freedom. Hopefully in 1995, we will struggle to achieve that same level of commitment to political resistance.

Dr. Manning Marable is professor of History and director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University in New York.

Investment

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"With the new system, the average time needed for clearing should drop to seven days," says LFC experts who recommended the system. While these developments are unfolding, the regulatory authorities are on the alert to ensure that the capital market continues to remain quite healthy.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has warned that deregulation does not mean lack of regulation, stressing that it would continue to perform its duties with the interest of the investors in mind. SEC's Chief Executive, George Akamikhov, intends to impress on the government the need to further remove the remaining obstacles facing foreign investors.

"The tax regime still needs to be reviewed downwards. In Nigeria, capital gains tax is 20 percent, corporate income tax is 35 percent and withholding tax is 10 percent. Lowering these taxes, will help," says Akamikhov.

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